

17 November 1977

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Cord Meyer, Jr., SA/DDCI

SUBJECT : Reassignment of My Duties Upon My Retirement,
31 December 1977

REFERENCES : a. My Memo dated 30 March 1977, subject: Summary
Description of My Assigned Duties as SA/DDCI
b. DCI Ltr. dated 3 Nov 1977 Re Nominations to
Working Group on Terrorism and Its Executive
Committee

You asked me to prepare a brief memorandum to you as to how my present duties might be reassigned when I retire. The following are my initial suggestions. I have not coordinated with anyone else since I thought you and Lew might want to discuss with me these ideas before going any further.

1. International Terrorism - As you know, the DCI has appointed me as the Agency's representative on the newly-established Executive Committee on Terrorism, chaired by Ambassador Isham, and on the Working Group with [] as my alternate in both capacities. I also serve as Ambassador Isham's principal point of contact in the Agency for intelligence support from the Intelligence Community. In that capacity, I have supervised the work of the International Terrorism Control unit of DDO under [] coordinated the production of finished intelligence on international terrorism done by ORPA and dealt with other agencies in the Intelligence Community on matters dealing with terrorism. As I see it there are three possible options for handling this part of my job in the future:

a. A senior officer could be appointed to succeed me as Special Assistant to the Deputy Director and take on this job as part of his duties.

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AT b. [] could be appointed full member of
AT the Executive Committee and the Working Group on Terrorism
AT and his deputy. [] appointed as alternate. []

c. My role could be assigned as a part-time responsibility to one of the existing NIOs as originally suggested by Kissinger.

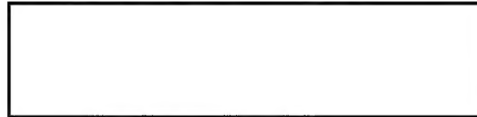
On balance, I believe that giving this part of my job to [] is the best immediate solution. []

AT 2. Human Rights - My job as the Agency's principal referent on matters concerning human rights in the international field has consisted largely of participating in the meetings of PRM 28 Working Group and working with Ms. Tuchman of the NSC Staff to ensure fulfillment of their requirements. I also have been reviewing and signing off on the weekly Watching Briefs on Human Rights prepared by the International Issues Division of ORPA and a monthly unclassified summary requested by Dr. Brzezinski. In my opinion, a senior officer within the NFAC structure could and should take over this responsibility. My specific suggestion would be [] Chief, International Issues Division of ORPA.

AT 4. Relations with Academia - I have been working closely with Jim [] on our problems with academia and as the DCI's personal choice for handling academic relations he is in a good position to carry on.

AT 5. Review and Selection from DDO Cable Traffic and Intelligence Community Correspondence for Your Attention and/or Action - You will need somebody on your personal staff to continue this job which is time consuming and requires some judgment.

6. Crisis Management - My working group review and report on this subject was completed some time ago, but there is the question of disposition of extensive files. I would suggest that the newly-established NITC is the proper place for these files to be transferred.



Cord Meyer, Jr.

Attachments: References

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Retirement of Cord Meyer, Jr.

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John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director of
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Sir:

As you know, Cord Meyer is retiring on 31 December. I asked Cord to present me with his recommendations on how best to carry on his responsibilities. His paper is attached. I believe his recommendations would be acceptable to the parties to whom he would will his chores. The question, however, is whether this meets your desire. Ultimate decisions could perhaps be left until the new Mr. DDCI arrives. It would present a bit of an awkward transition, but I could wire something together. May I have your pleasure.

John F. Blake

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